Art Collection of Olivia Coats

My Mother was a very special person so many ways. But perhaps the most tangible memory I have of her is her paintings. Using acrylic and canvas, she painted what are perhaps some of the most vivid and realistic scenes depicted by any artist in recent times.

Following is a collection of seven of what I consider to be her best paintings. Each occupies an entire page, making it easy to cut them out and display them in the home or office desired.



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Keep in mind that these are photographic representations. Thus, they fail to do true justice to these works.

Yet despite this imperfection, I hope these images succeed in conveying my Mother's love of life.

- Daniel R. Coats



"Colleen" by Olivia Coats. This painting depicts one of my Mother's friends during her high school days in Illinois in the 1970s. My Mother found redheads to be very beautiful. I have

this painting in my bedroom - it has such stunning detail and it has a remarkable lifelike appearance. I feel it is my Mother's best.



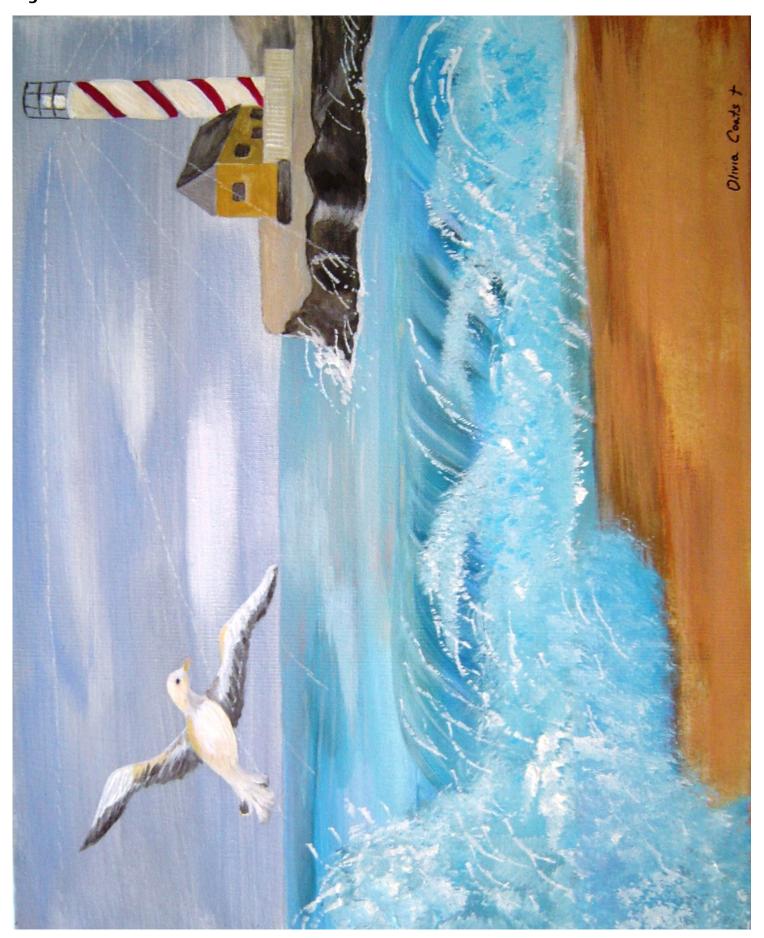
"Asian Forest" by Olivia Coats. This painting attempts to show a forest scene from the unspoiled wilderness of China or Japan.



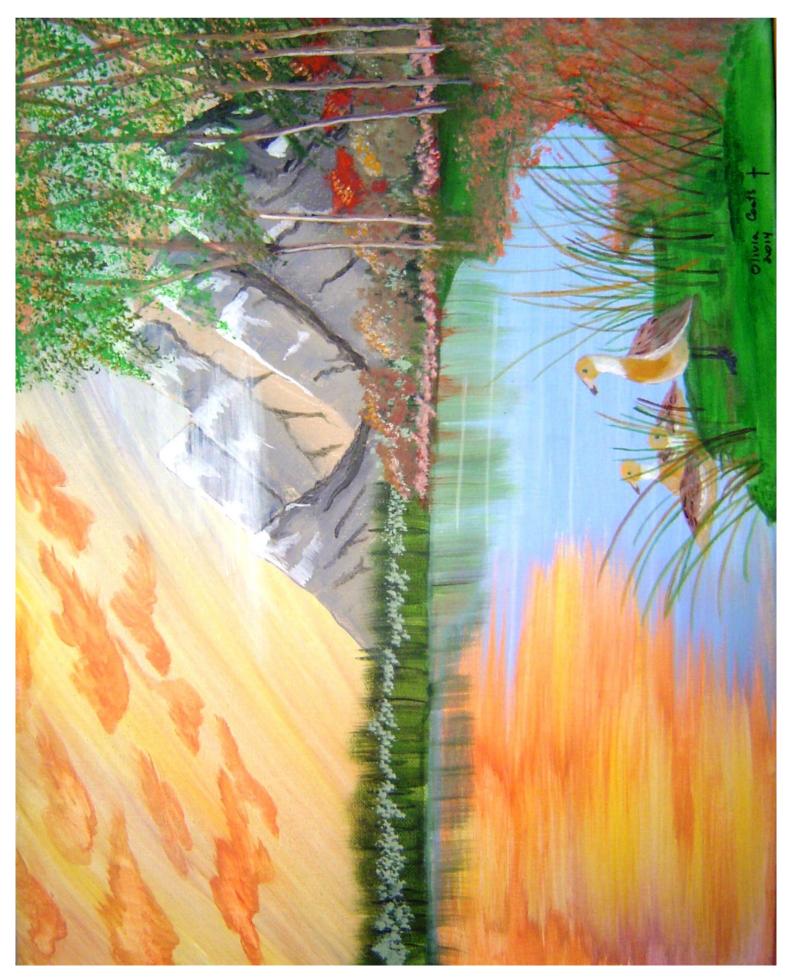
"Russian Woman" by Olivia Coats. As a child, my Mother was impacted by the 1965 movie, "Doctor Zhivago," and it remained one of her favorite movies throughout her life. The woman in this painting is based on the character Lara, Dr. Zhivago's lover.



"Cityscape" by Olivia Coats. My Mother based this painting on the skyline of her childhood hometown of Chicago, but also incorporated elements of the New York City and London skylines, thus creating an idealized version of what a modern downtown should look like by night.



"Sea and Lighthouse" by Olivia Coats. My Mother loved the coast. Whether the rocky coastlines of Big Sur, the beaches of Southern California or the Great Lakes coast, she was always impressed by the waves crashing ashore. She also found lighthouses to be among the most beautiful structures. This painting is based on a New England or Pacific Northwest coastal scene.



"Grand Teton" by Olivia Coats. This includes some artistic license, but it is designed to show the beauty of the lakes around Wyoming's scenic mountains at dawn or dusk.



"Cat on a Pillow" by Olivia Coats. My Mother loved felines - she cared for five during her lifetime. The detail here is remarkable.